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FREE GUIDE TO VACATION FUN & BEST BUYS....

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Let's start your walking and shopping tour this week at the Nassastraat and Adriaan Laclé Boulevard intersection. A few steps from the corner on Laclé Boulevard you will find MESKER. Their collection includes Danish furniture, Scandinavian carpets, Italian lamps, Swedish, Finnish and British fabrics. MESKER'S consultants are experts. They will gladly help you plan, decorate and furnish an office, home, or hotel, whether in Aruba or in the States. You will be happy to know that MESKER will deliver direct from the European factory right to your address. Explore the savings to be had.

Leaving Mesker enter Nassastraat, turn left and stroll downtown. A visit to the STUYVESANT ART SHOP, will prove well worth your while. Here is a permanent exhibition of Dutch oils and local art, as well as other objects. They are all for sale, and remember there's no duty on original paintings!

Two short blocks further down, on the right hand corner at no. 47 is the home of KAN INC., famous jewelers, established in Holland in 1918. They carry Rolex, Longines, International Watch Co. Schaffhausen, Juvenia and Zodiac watches. Kodak, Yashica, Fujica, Konica, and Topcon cameras and binoculars. Precious and semi-precious stones, Mikimoto cultured pearls and many other lovely gift items for someone special back home. In their optical department sunglasses, French and Italian frames. There's a KAN shop at the airport too, and in Bonaire and Curaçao as well, with the same fine line of quality merchandise. Their address for service in the U.S. is 55 West 42nd Street, New York. They honor Diners' Club and American Express cards.

Your next stop is LA PARISIENNE on the left, specializing in a large selection of perfumes, Swiss watches, European leathersgoods and Kislav gloves.

A few steps further on the same side, you will soon spot the stairs that lead to EVA BOUTIQUE, house of custom made designs as well as ready made clothing for Milady. Original designs are created from a wide selection of European fabrics, most carefully fitted to the customer. Imports from Italy, France, and Switzerland can be easily altered if need be. Sportswear and costume jewelry round out their attractive line of merchandise. Drop in at EVA BOUTIQUE where you can have a shift made in a few hours, and most designs in 24 hours.

At street level, cross Nassastraat again to SPRITZER & FUHRMANN. The carillon and the lovely showcase displays identify their well known Aruba store. They will be pleased to show their unique collection of diamond and gold jewelry, mostly exclusive pieces from the Continent. Fine watches such as Patek Philippe and Piaget and a wide range of Swiss novelty watches, all advantageously priced. There are clocks, evening bags, objets d'art, crystal, sterling and bone china from the most famous European houses, much more than we can mention plus their very special brand of personalized service. Your guarantees are honored at their New York store, 5 East 57th Street and you are "bonbiní" at their lovely stores in Bonaire, Curaçao, and St. Maarten.

At an angle across the street at no. 22 is BOTICA DEL PUEBLO. If you're running low on suntan lotion, hairspray, toothpaste, cosmetics, and other toilet articles, take a few minutes at this drugstore. They also carry perfumes and colognes, as well as the delicious Verkade and Cadbury chocolates, and Dutch "zoute drop" (licorice). If you

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View along Nassastraat (Foto Retina)

FOR SHOPPER'S ONLY

Some folks think Aruba is five blocks long and spelled Nassastraat. They spill out of their planes and ships and head for a narrow thoroughfare that cuts through Oranjestad, the island's capital. It's as if they want to get there before the prices change. They needn't hurry.

The welter of shops lining Nassastraat have been offering American luxury goods at free port prices for years. They expect to be around for some time to come. There are marvelous buys such as watches at half the United States price. Good Scotch whiskey as low as \$ 2.25 a fifth. Cameras, perfumes, silks and numerous other luxury items at bargain basement prices. That's Nassastraat.

Even though the United States recently revised its customs regulations regarding duty-free exemptions, the duty on many items is not very high. For example, on cameras it is only 15 per cent. Thus a shopper can make his purchase, pay the duty, and still come home with a considerable saving. Read our tips on clearing customs on page 2, and make your Aruba Holiday a shopping holiday too!


WHAT'S GOING ON


ARUBA CARIBBEAN HOTEL-CASINO: Klompenclub presents thru August 14th Dolores Leigh. From August 15th Napoleon Reed.


Bali Bar: Julio Torres. Casino: There are slot machines, craps, black jack, roulette...


CORAL STRAND HOTEL: "Talk of the Town" restaurant featuring French cuisine and singing waiters. Dance to a swinging Aruban combo.


LOCAL CIVIC CLUB MEETINGS

 KIWANIS: every Monday 7 p.m. dinner meeting at Coral Strand Hotel.

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 ROTARY: every Monday 6:45 p.m. dinner meeting at Trocadero.

 TOASTMASTERS: every third Tuesday 8 p.m. dinner meeting at Coral Strand Hotel.

 JAYCEES: every first Friday of the month dinner meeting at 8 p.m. For information call 5786 or 1100.

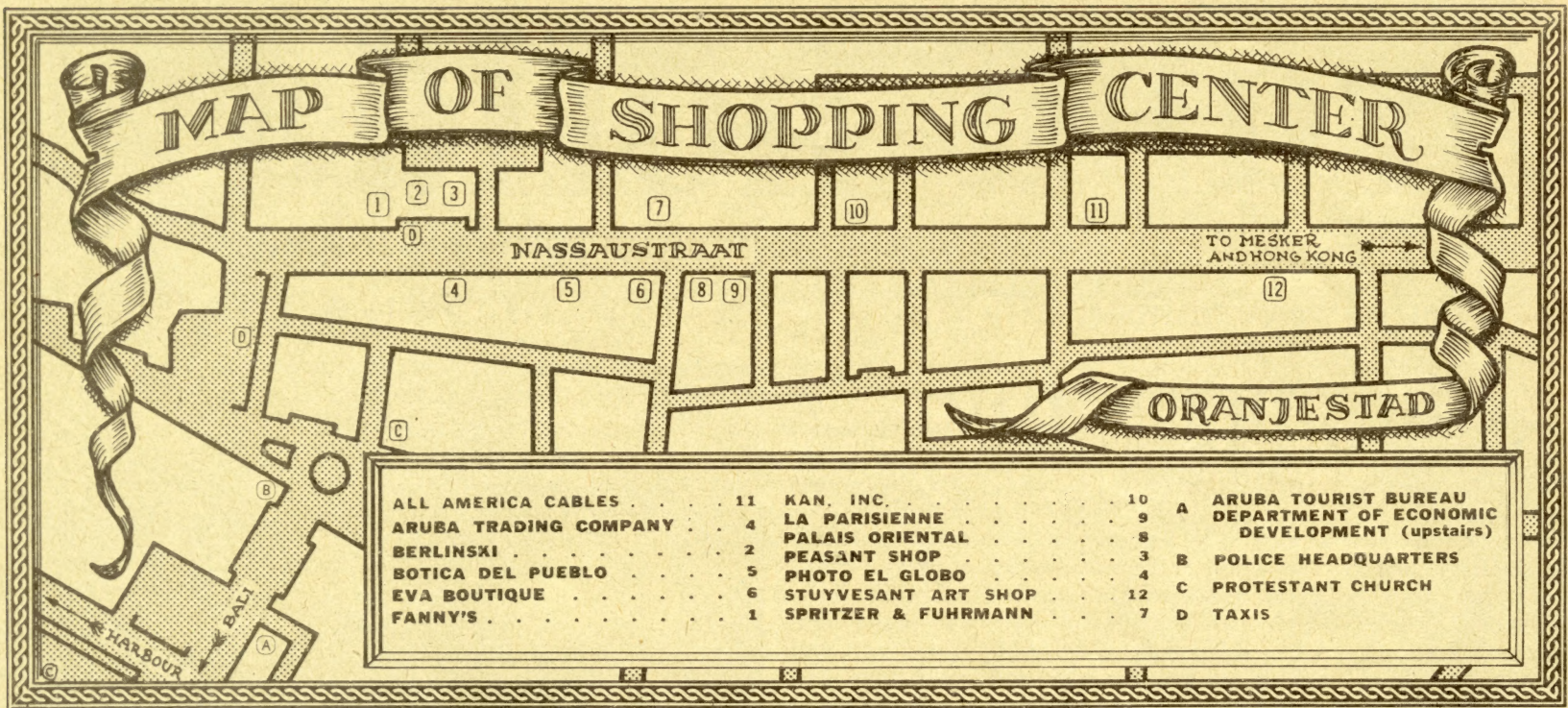
DID YOU KNOW THAT...

...the United States gives its citizens travelling abroad the privilege of bringing back \$ 100.— worth of merchandise duty free? See page 2?

...it is cheaper to buy in Aruba and pay duty, even if one runs over the \$ 100.— limit? See our "Scoop on U.S. Customs Regulations" (Public Law No. 89-67) on page 2.

...Aruba is outside the hurricane area and its ocean swimming and sunbathing is perfect year 'round?

...Aruba has an Information Center in New York City at 609 Fifth Avenue.



The "Scoop" on U.S. Customs Regulations

U.S. Customs Regulations need not frustrate the traveling shopper. Shopping in the Netherlands Antilles can result in many a worthwhile saving. Here are some of the facts about the new October 1, 1965 Customs Regulations and some tips which will make your shopping in the Netherlands Antilles pleasant and profitable.

The U.S. Customs Regulations allow that:

Each returning resident may take back with him, free of duty and tax, articles totaling \$ 100.—, providing the stay abroad has exceeded 48 hours and that the \$ 100.— exemption or any part of it has not been used within the preceding 30 days. (The \$ 100.— is based on the fair retail value of the items in the country obtained).

The advantages to be considered are:

1. There is **NO LIMIT** to the number of articles you can take back, as long as you pay duty on the amount in excess of the \$100.—. The duty on purchases in excess of \$ 100.— is levied on the **WHOLESALE PRICE** of the item **IN THE COUNTRY OBTAINED** (the customs officer generally subtracts 40% of your retail cost to arrive at the wholesale value).

Now here is where you can effect your savings. For example:

Let us say that a camera retailing in the U.S. for \$ 50.— is retailing in Aruba for \$ 30.—. U.S. Customs will levy a 15% duty on 60% of the \$ 30.— Aruba price. This is only a duty of \$ 2.70. Thus, the total cost of the camera to you, including the duty you will pay on arrival in the U.S. is only \$ 32.70! which is still considerably lower than the U.S. retail price of \$ 50.—.

2. **GIFTS** In addition to the \$ 100.— exemption, each traveller can mail an **UNLIMITED NUMBER** of gifts valued up to \$ 10.— each, to friends and relatives back home, provided the addressee does not receive in a single day gift parcels exceeding the \$ 10.— limitation. **NO** declaration is required, and **NO** tax is levied. Gifts of liquor and tobacco are not permitted, but perfume, valued at less than one dollar, is permitted in this privilege.
3. **LOW DUTY** items are **GOOD BUYS** because even when including the duty they will cost far less than you would pay back home.

Such items as cameras, watches, jade, perfume, cultured pearls and shoes are good buys.

4. **FREE OF DUTY** are portable typewriters, foreign photographic film, original paintings, drawings and sculptures, foreign language books, antiques produced before 1830 . . . and of all things, caviar and truffles!
5. **WEAR AND TEAR** on items purchased during your trip and used during the trip, such as clothing, cameras, binoculars, watches, will be considered by the customs authorities. When declaring these items, mention that they have been used on the trip and the customs officer will make an appropriate reduction for wear and/or use of the value of the item and on the subsequent duty.
6. An **UNLIMITED AMOUNT** of cigarettes can be brought in duty-free (within your \$ 100.— exemption) for personal use (New Yorkers, please note!). Cigars, however, are limited to 100.
7. **DUTY-FREE LIQUOR** may total one quart per person over 21. Substantial savings can be realized when taking back more than one quart because even with the duty it comes out cheaper than at the corner liquor store in the U.S. This is especially so on higher priced brand items, and on brandy and wine. E. g. a bottle of liqueur retailing in the U.S. for \$ 9.26 is sold in bond in Aruba at \$ 2.75. The duties levied are \$ 2.35, thus the total cost of this bottle to you, including the U.S. duty, is only \$ 5.10, and your savings amount to \$ 4.16! Imagine the savings on five such bottles amounting to \$20.80!!
8. Remember that you are not allowed to bring back merchandise originating in Communist China, North Korea, North Vietnam and Cuba.
9. **SAVE MONEY** by using your \$ 100.— exemption for the high duty items. Pay duty on the low duty items.
10. Go through U.S. Customs **SMOOTHLY** by filling out your declaration carefully, keeping your dutiable items together and your sales slips handy.

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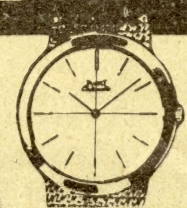
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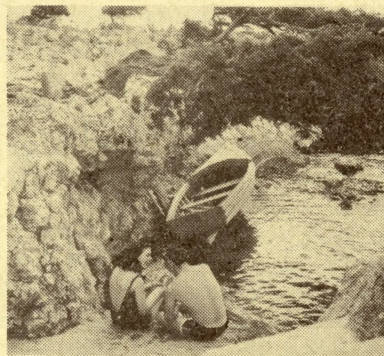
COLORFUL WHARFSIDE MARKET . . . not far from where the cruise ships dock. Fruits and vegetables for sale from other islands, fish from surrounding waters, all brought by the stoutbeamed sailing vessels seen quietly rocking at anchor in the harbor.



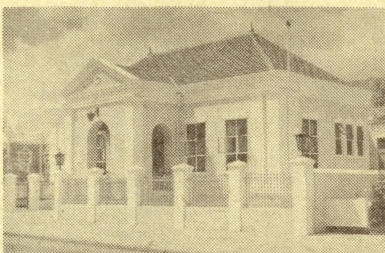
THE UNUSUAL DIVI DIVI TREE . . . shaped by the constant winds, the divi-divi tree grows straight up for eight or ten feet and then takes off horizontally. A hiker never needs a compass on Aruba, the divi-divi tree always points southwest!



PROTESTANT CHURCH . . . in Oranjestad. One of the town's finest landmarks is this modern new church. Although the church is painted gray, the quaint old houses sport the brightest paint jobs . . . raspberry red, Delft blue, sunshine yellow and all other brilliant colors giving Oranjestad a charming kaleidoscopic effect.



SECLUDED COVE FOR TWO . . . as a contrast to the sugar white beaches on the south coast, the quiet little coves to the north are virtually uninhabited. Accessible over land, by car, . . . pack a picnic lunch and put yourself in the picture above.



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MT. HOOIBERG . . . it means "hay-stack" in Dutch. And that's exactly what the wind and the weather have made the Hooiberg look like. It's a landmark that helps you get your bearings no matter where you go. There are concrete steps to the top, the climb is worth it because the view is magnificent!



NATURAL BRIDGE . . . on the north-coast, carved out of solid coral rock over the ages by the crashing sea. The Island Government has built a road along the wildly dramatic coast, and has constructed a parking area and stairs at the site.

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Also worth seeing are the remarkable technological advances that have set Aruba apart for its farsightedness. These include the island's sea water distillation plant which can produce 3,500,000 gallons of fresh water per day, (as well as 114,000 kilowatts of electricity), its Nutriculture (or Hydroponics) farm where tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, and shoestring beans are grown scientifically, without soil. In water and chemicals, and the Aruba Chemical Industry, with a fertilizer output of 500 tons per day, and an ammonia output of 325 tons daily.

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The Aruba Golf Club welcomes visitors to the island. As you can see by the map on page 4, the 9 hole golf course is located on the other end of the island from Palm Beach, out past St. Nicolas. It's a new experience in golfing, what with the wind and the goats . . . and oiled sand greens! And it's a wise golfer who wears a cap and takes the proper precautions against wind and sunburn. Charges are \$2.50, caddy fees \$1.50 . . . for 18 holes. Clubs can be rented at a modest rate. Call 9-3485 to arrange for your game. For transportation out to the club, call a travel agent.

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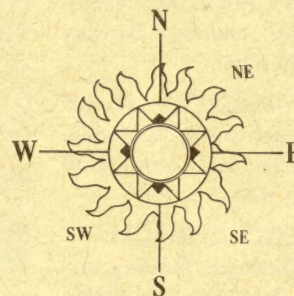
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A sunny Bonbiní to our visitors!

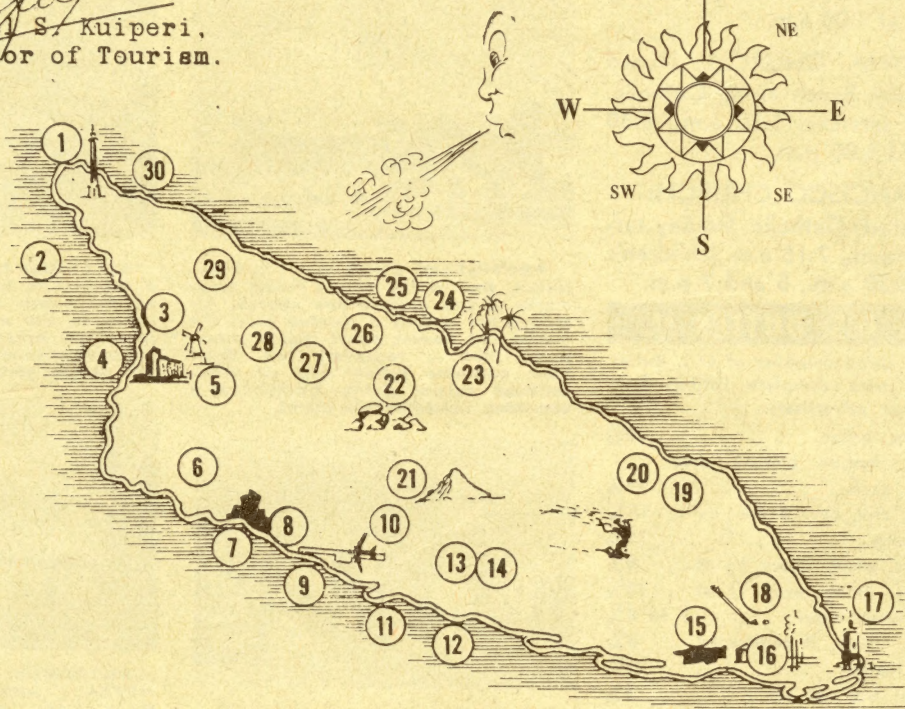
When you hear or read the expression "Bonbiní" in Aruba, it is simply the papiamento translation for the word welcome, but... it also entails a sincere expression of desire for you to have an enjoyable stay and for you to return soon again and again.

Michael S. Kuiperi
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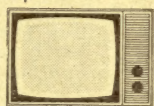
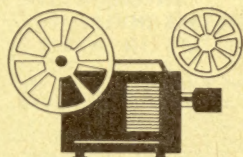


Sightseer's Checklist....

1. California lighthouse
2. Wreck of German ship
3. Basi Ruti Hotel
4. Aruba Caribbean Hotel
5. De Olde Molen Restaurant
6. Nutriculture farm
7. Oranjestad: Aruba's capital
Paarden Baai (Horses Bay)
Waterfront schooner market
Queen Wilhelmina Park
8. Coral Strand Hotel, Talk of the
Town Restaurant
9. Princess Beatrix Airport
10. Canashito: wild parakeet sanctuary
11. Barcadera Chemical Plant
12. One of the world's largest sea water distillation plants
13. Frenchman's Pass: where the Indians fought off French invaders
14. Balashi: ruins of old gold mill and mine
15. Town of St. Nicolas
16. Lago Oil and Transport Company, Ltd. (Esso) one of the world's largest oil refineries
17. Colorado Point Lighthouse
18. Aruba Golf Club
19. Quadirikiri: Indian cave
20. Fontein: Indian symbols on cave walls
21. Hooiberg (Haystack Mountain)
22. Ayó: geological puzzle pile of huge massive boulders
23. Andi Couri: lovely secluded cove, ideal for picnicking
24. Natural Bridge of stone
25. Boca Mahos: sharks' feeding place
26. Pirates' Castle, Bushiribana, ruins old gold mine
27. Crystal Mountain: sharp eyes will find a piece of glittering crystal: a perfect souvenir
28. St. Anna Church at Noord: magnificent hand-carved altar
29. Chapel at Alto Vista: originally built by Spanish missionaries in 1750
30. Sand Dunes at California Point

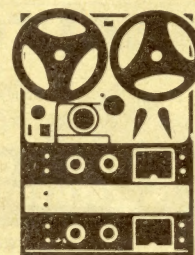


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ASTORIA HOTEL: (Tel: 5132) Crijnsenstraat 6, San Nicolas. Great Chinese food served on their quaint patio midst Chinese lanterns... everything from lobster Astoria, eggrolls, subgum wonton and moo goo gai pan, to chow steak kow! All this complimented by a complete American menu makes Astoria one of Aruba's favorite eating places. Don't forget cocktails before and/or after dinner.

BALI: (Tel. 2131). Exciting culinary treat in store in an Indonesian setting at the floating bar restaurant "Bali". Rijsttafel, nassi goreng, bami goreng, and whopping good steaks... served in the houseboat or on the pier. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 4 p.m. to midnight. Your genial hosts: Bill Strijland and Karel Schmand. The Caribbean Tourist Association has voted the "Bali" one of the best restaurants in the Caribbean.

BASI RUTI: (Tel. 2222). First hotel built on Aruba's marvelous beach. Modern, airconditioned, informal and charming. Dining room and terrace dining area: Italian pizza, lasagne, canelloni, veal scaloppine... also continental cuisine and barbecues. Indoor and outdoor

bars. Ideal spot for swimming, water sports, fishing. Convenient accommodations for families with children. Locker facilities available for cruise ship passengers.

DE OLDE MOLEN: (Tel. 2060). Dine in an authentic old Dutch windmill, originally built in Holland in 1815. Homey old Dutch interior houses cosy bar and airconditioned restaurant, with unusual nightclub under the beams. Specialties of The Old Mill: venison, wild boar, lamb, snipes, pheasant, duck, seafood, and last but not least, steaks! A stone's throw from the Aruba Caribbean Hotel-Casino. Open: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and the nightclub till 3 a.m.

HONG KONG: (Tel. 2966). A short stroll from the shopping center, located at 19 Adriaan Laclé Boulevard. Airconditioned bar-restaurant specializing in shark fin soup, delicious Chinese style chicken and lobster dishes, famous sweet and sour specials. Quick sandwiches, steaks any style. The bartender has 15 years' experience and can shake up a great cocktail in the wink of an eye! Good place for a "shopping break".

"TALK OF THE TOWN" RESTAURANT: (Tel. 3380 or 3381) located in the Coral Strand Hotel, a three minutes' drive from town. Modern, airconditioned, smartly decorated... specializing in gourmet foods: lobster, red snapper from surrounding waters, prime filet mignon, beef fondue, and other delectable French and Aruban dishes. Under the personal supervision of the owner/manager, Ike Cohen. Music and dancing during dinner hours.

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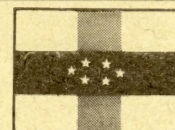
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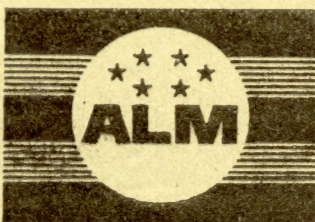


A visit to Aruba is not complete without a stop at one or all of our sister islands. It's less than a 30 minute hop to Curaçao with its famous free port shops and swinging pontoón bridge called Queen Emma. Another 20 minutes or so, and you're in tranquil Bonaire, isle of peace and quiet, home of the pink flamingoes.

The three windward islands which make up the rest of the Netherlands Antilles are: St. Maarten, one of the newest "finds" in the Caribbean... quaintly half Dutch, half French. Saba, 15 minutes from St. Maarten, is famed for the intricate lace work made by the women patiently awaiting the return of their menfolk from the sea. (The incredible town called

"the Bottom" is located 3,000 feet up though actually in the bottom of an extinct volcano!) At nearby St. Eustatius, the American Flag was first saluted by a foreign power.

ALM Dutch Antillean Airlines operates frequent and fast scheduled services to Aruba, Bonaire and St. Maarten, from where the Windward Islands Airways hops you to Saba and St. Eustatius. A twin engined ALM Beachcraft is also available for charter flights. Inquire at the ALM office at the airport, or your travel agent. Yes, island hopping in the Netherlands Antilles is fun AND INEXPENSIVE, as in many cases your ticket from abroad may be extended to one or more of the islands at little or no cost.



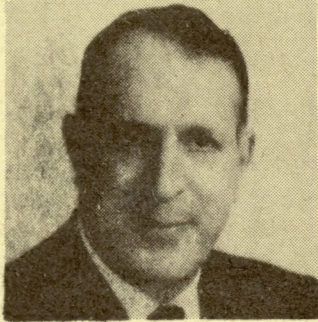
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Ike Cohen, owner and manager of the "Talk of the Town", Aruba's finest restaurant which is literally, the talk of the town!

In a smartly decorated, colorful and relaxed atmosphere, you can enjoy those specialties of the house: lobster, red snapper, prime filet mignon, beef fondue, and other delectable French and local dishes. There is music and dancing during dinner hours.

Ike Cohen is also the owner and manager of the beachfront Coral Strand Hotel. Its luxurious rooms are all airconditioned and are moderately priced. The Coral Strand boasts the only freshwater pool in Aruba ... the informal pool bar and poolside coffee shop are ideal for that refreshing drink and light snack.

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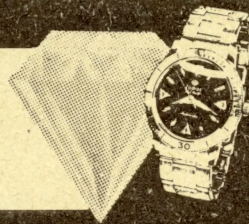
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Now continue straight on until you reach one of Aruba's oldest, yet most modern and up-to-date stores, ARUBA TRADING COMPANY, affiliated with the Yellow House in Curaçao. Here, all under the same roof, you will find a fabulous collection of perfumes, cosmetics, cashmeres, Danish pipes, D'Avenza sportcoats, French and Italian ties, and gift articles sure to please young and old. Liquor and cigarettes in bond are delivered free of charge to your ship or plane. Still under the same roof, their airconditioned PHOTO EL GLOBO carries one of the Caribbean's largest selections of photographic and electronic equipment. A most courteous and friendly welcome awaits you at the ARUBA TRADING COMPANY.

Directly across is the wonderland of the airconditioned PEASANT SHOP, with handicrafts from 52 countries! Madeira linens, hand-carved wooden figurines, masks and lamps. Cashmere sweaters from Pringle, Lyle & Scott and Cox Moore; also beaded sweaters and "Kislav" kid gloves. Meerschaum, Dunhill, Comoy pipes. Folklore art and souvenirs from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. Gold and silver jewelry and charms, crystal, Copenhagen and Bavaria porcelain. You'll like PEASANT SHOP'S excellent service!

Right next door is LEO BERLINSKI, jeweler, featuring platinum and 18 ct. gold jewelry set with precious and semi-precious stones, cultured pearls, the world famous Girard Perregaux and other well known Swiss made watches. They carry sterling, silver plated and stainless steel cutlery, bone china and ceramic dinnerware, crystal from France, Finland, Sweden and England, figurines, teakwood articles, petit point and beaded bags. There are gifts galore in every price range just waiting for you, so browse to your heart's content.

Out of town, in the lower lobby of the Aruba Caribbean Hotel-Casino the ARUBA CARIBBEAN GIFT SHOP offers you a wide and appealing selection of gift items in Delft Blue, European toys such as Steiff stuffed animals, and Schuco mechanical toys, and many more. Same prices as in Oranjestad stores. Happy shopping!

CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE



The currency of the ABC islands is the florin (guilder). One Antillean guilder equals about US\$0.53. The guilder is divided into 100 cents, and there are coins of 1 cent, 2 1/2 cents, 5 cents (square nickel), 10 cents, 25 cents, and the 1 and 2 1/2 guilder coins. Banknotes are issued in denominations of 2 1/2, 5, 10, 25, 100, 250 and 500 guilders. The exchange in restaurants, hotels, banks, taxis is 1.85 guilders for one dollar. However, most tourist shops give the visitor an extra break by figuring two guilders for the dollar.

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